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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, ECOSOC, NI

SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) LAGOS 8483 (B) GENEVA 6027

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION OBEBE AT MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) AFTERNOON JULY 29 TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FMG POSITION ON SUBJECT PROPOSAL. OBEBE CONFIRMED EMBASSY IMPRESSION PER REF A, I.E., FMG DOES NOT YET HAVE A POSITION ON THE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS ISSUE. FYI DURING TELCON EARLIER IN WEEK OBEBE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE COPIES OF SUBJECT PROPOSAL PROVIDED EARLIER BY EMBASSY AND ASKED EMBASSY TO SEND AN ADDITIONAL SET. END FYI.

2. EMBOFF THEN INFORMED OBEBE OF FMG ECOSOC DELEGATION'S RESISTANCE TO U.S. PROPOSAL. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT APPEAR SURPRISED, OBEBE SAID HE HAD NOT KNOWN FMG DELEGATION HAD TAKEN ANTI-U.S. STANCE ON ISSUE. BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, HE SAID FMG DELEGATION HAD BEEN GIVEN MEASURE OF QTE FLEXIBILITY UNQTE IN
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CONDUCTING TALKS. ANY OBJECTIONS AGAINST U.S. PROPOSAL WERE

RESULT OF ON THE SPOT DECISIONS MADE BY DELEGATION ITSELF.

3. AFTER EMBOFF AGAIN STRESSED URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE TO U.S., OBEBE SAID HE WOULD RENEW PROPOSAL AND SEND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION TO FMG DELEGATION ASAP. HE REQUESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE TALKING POINTS SUPPORTING U.S. PROPOSAL AND TRANSCRIPT OR SUMMARY OF U.S. DELEGATE'S SPEECH MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROPOSAL. EMBOFF PROMISED TO DELIVER TALKING POINTS AND REQUEST U.S. DELEGATION FOR SPEECH.

4. FOR GENEVA: REQUEST TRANSCRIPT, IF ANY.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY TENDS TO BELIEVE OBEBE AND HAS HOPES OUR PROPOSAL WILL BE GIVEN A FAIR HEARING IN MEA. NONETHELESS, CANNOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT MEA OFFICIALS TO MAKE DECISION QUICKLY. SUGGEST CONTINUED LOBBYING BY US GENEVA DELEGATION UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS FROM MEA LAGOS ARE SENT.
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